

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
REGULATORY REFORM**

**Tuesday, July 24, 2007**

**12:00 P.M.**

**Room 308 House Office Building**

**Representative Farrah**, chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Farrah, Scott, Virgil Smith, Wojno, Marleau, Palsrok, Gaffney, Ward. (8/9)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Meadows. (1/9)

**Representative Farrah**, chair, laid **HR 158** and **HCR 39** before the committee.

HR 158    Farrah	A resolution to concur in a tribal-state gaming compact between the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan (the Gun Lake Band) and the State of Michigan and signed on May 9, 2007.
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HCR 39    Farrah	A concurrent resolution to concur in a tribal-state gaming compact between the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan (the Gun Lake Band) and the State of Michigan and signed on May 9, 2007.
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**D.K. Sprague**, Chairman on the Gun Lake Tribe, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

**Conley Shulte**, Legal Council for the Gun Lake Tribe, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

**John Wernet**, Deputy Legal Counsel, State of Michigan Governor's Office, testified before the committee.

**Senator Patty Birkholz** testified before the committee in opposition to **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

**Senator Mark Jansen** testified before the committee in opposition to **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

**Rusty Merchant**, representing 23 Is Enough, testified before the committee in opposition to **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

**Roger VanVolkinburg**, representing Wayland Township, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

**Larry Orlowski**, representing the Deputy Sheriffs Association, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

**Kevin McCarthy**, representing the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee in support of **HCR 39**.

**Senator Gerald VanWoerkom** testified before the committee in opposition to **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

**Hugh Coward**, representing the Southwest Michigan Building Trades Council, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158**.

**Buckley Geno**, representing the West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Traders, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158**.

**Tom Chappell**, representing the Michigan State Pipe Trades, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158**.

**Rich Osrizovich**, representing the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 357, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158**.

**Marcia Halloran**, representing Friends of Gun Lake Indians, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158**.

**Judith A. Bott**, representing Friends of Gun Lake Indians, testified before the committee in support of **HR 158**.

**Nadine Nosal**, representing the International Union, UAW, testified before the committee in opposition to **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

**Dia Pearce**, representing Unite Here, testified before the committee on **HR 158** and **HCR 39**.

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of the legislation but did not wish to speak:

**Dawn Krauss**, representing the Gun Lake Tribe.

**Jason Palmer**, representing the Gun Lake Tribe.

**Lorraine Shananaquet**, representing the Gun Lake Tribe.

**Coleen Nessmen**, representing the Gun Lake Tribe.

**Dawn Lenger**, representing the Gun Lake Tribe.

**Melissa Brown**, representing the Gun Lake Tribe.

**Phyllis Davis**, representing the Gun Lake Tribe.

**Leah Fodor**, representing the Gun Lake Tribe.

**John Shagonaby**, Vice-Chair of the Gun Lake Tribe.

**Sheryl Hamilton**, City of Wayland Council Person.

**Patricia Staley**, Wayland Township Trustee.

**Ann Kilmartin**, representing the Allegan Tourist Council.  
**Martin Dodge**, representing the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce.  
**Sheriff Blaine Koops**, representing the Allegan County Sheriff's Office.  
**Frank Baker**, representing the Deputy Sheriff's Association.  
**Patrick Klocke**, representing the Southwest Michigan Building Trades Council

**Representative Wojno** moved to report **HR 158** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Farrah, Virgil Smith, Wojno, Palsrok, Gaffney, Ward. (6/9)

**NAYS:** None. (0/9)

**PASS:** Reps. Scott, Marleau. (2/9)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Wojno** moved to report **HCR 39** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Farrah, Virgil Smith, Wojno, Palsrok, Gaffney, Ward. (6/9)

**NAYS:** None. (0/9)

**PASS:** Reps. Scott, Marleau. (2/9)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Virgil Smith** moved to adopt the minutes from the June 5, 2007 meeting. No objections being made, the minutes were adopted.

**Representative Palsrok** moved to excuse absent members. No objections being made, absent members were excused.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 1:25 p.m.